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Private Versus Public – it's all about access

- ✓ **Access Denied**
 - ✓ **Access Defended**
 - ✓ **Access in Context**
 - ✓ **Coda: A Word on Leadership**
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Access Denied: When Closed is Good

- ❖ **The IT Security Context**

- ❖ **Libraries as Targets**



IT Security

- **Integration of Effort**
- **“The Police Are Here”**



Libraries as Targets (Access Denied)

- **Mr Greasy and the impoverished 22 year old**
- **The Nerdy Nephew**
- **Who's got that film?**

The background of the slide is a faded, high-angle photograph of a grand, ornate legislative chamber, likely the U.S. Capitol. The room features a large, circular central area with a raised platform and a semi-circular arrangement of desks and chairs for members of Congress. The architecture is highly detailed with arches, columns, and decorative elements. A large, teal-colored circular graphic is positioned on the left side of the slide, partially overlapping the text.

Access Defended

- ❖ **The Totalitarian State**

- ❖ **Challenges in Democratic States**



Challenges within a “Democratic” context (Access Defended)

- ❖ Mid 20th Century United States
- ❖ Queensland in the 1970s
- ❖ The Filtering Analogue



The deniers of access

- **Direct: censorship, political intervention**
- **Indirect: market exclusion; copyright and pricing**



Access in Context

The Metamorphosis of Mission Over Half a Millenium



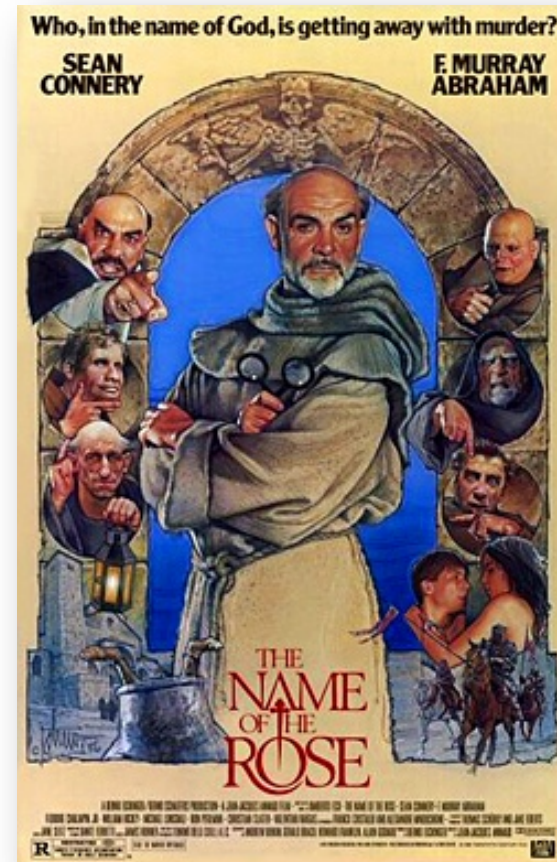
Metamorphosis

- **Preservation**
- **Transmission**
- **Organisation**
- **Access**
- **Dissemination**
- **Contribution**

Preservation as power



Umberto Eco



But ... Preservation is Dispensable



Enlightenment



Voltaire

Mass Literacy



Raymond Williams

The Challenge of the Intelligent Filter



José Ortega y Gasset

Access in Context – From Potential to Actual, Passive to Active

- ❖ **Direct Denial: Censorship, Political or Other Intervention**
- ❖ **Indirect Denial: Copyright and its Perversion; Market Exclusion**

Dissemination and Copyright: the Open Content License Innovation



Larry Lessig



Dissemination and the Market: The Age of Openness?



Stevan Harnad



Alma Swan

OA advantage

- The funder
- The institution
- The researcher
- The community
- The government
- The disciplines



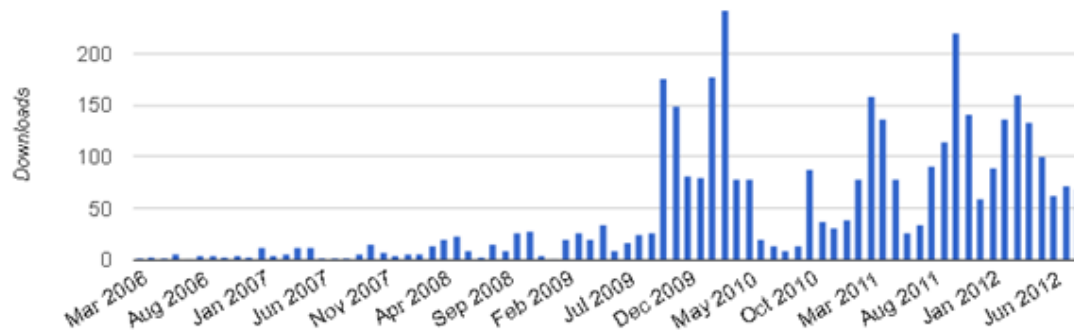
Open Access, STM and HASS ...

- The awkward topic of books
 - “give away” or not?
- The truth about monographs
- The abandonment of HASS scholarship?
- The publisher initiative and the triple win

Article Level Metrics

Statistics Overview

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Key Figures

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21st Century – Article Level Metrics

- **Web usage**
- **Expert ratings**
- **Social bookmarking**
- **Social citations**
- **Community rating**
- **Media (including Blog coverage)**

Challenges in Assessing Research...

Inherent weaknesses in current peer review process

- **Size of lag (slowness of citation measures)**
- **Journal titles (JIF) as proxies for quality**
- **Unclear relationship between citation counting and impact**
- **Shortcomings for Interdisciplinary Research**

Challenges in Assessing Research...(ct'd)

- **Variation in value of outlets (outputs) by discipline**
- **Slow publication rates, especially in more prestigious “containers”**

Challenges in Assessing Research..(ct'd)

What's making me angry is that I submitted to this journal because of its high reputation, its high rejection rate, its mass adoption by academic libraries ... and it turns out that they have a standing two year delay on publication. Let me be perfectly clear: once you go through the whole year of being reviewed and re-reviewed and your piece is accepted, your publication date will be two further years in the future. Now, I work in new media. My article will be about three years old when it finally appears..... I consulted my chair, who consulted my dean. They, by contrast, congratulated me on having my work "appear" in such a high profile venue, and told me to leave it there.

Aimee Morrison (University of Waterloo)

Metamorphosis: – Energised Dissemination and Research Impact

- ❖ **Integration with Research Activity and Innovation**
- ❖ **The Cry for Help and the Need for Leadership:**
 - ❖ New Publishing
 - ❖ Data Support
 - ❖ Tools Support

Questions

